

In the Office Action of December 20, 2001, claims 17-20 were objected to because claim 17 did not further limit the claim from which it depended where claims 18-20 depend from claim 17; and rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cairns et al. (Published UK Patent Application GB 2 333 174 A) in view of Fujiyoshi et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,323,871).

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cairns et al. (Published UK Patent Application GB 2 333 174 A) in view of Fujiyoshi et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,323,871). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 11 are allowable over the cited references in that Fujiyoshi et al. is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). In particular, the present Application was filed after November 29, 1999. The present Application (i.e., Application Serial No. 09/515,239) and Fujiyoshi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,323,871) were, at the time the invention of Application Serial No. 09/515,239 was made, at least owned by and/or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same organization (i.e., LG Philips LCD Co. Ltd.). Moreover, even if Fujiyoshi et al. were considered to be prior art, the combination of Cairns et al. in view of Fujiyoshi et al. would still fail to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over claims 1-20 of the instant Application. In other words, none of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests the combination of features in the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 11 and claims 2-10 and 12-20, which depend from claims 1 and 11, respectively, are allowable.

Applicant believes the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem

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that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 624-1250.

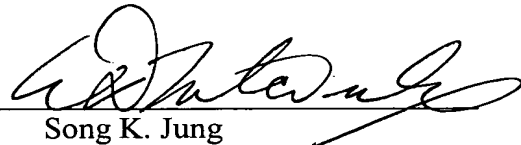
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EXHIBIT I – MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM

17. (Amended) The liquid crystal display device of claim [10] 11, wherein the demultiplexer unit includes a plurality of demultiplexers.